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Assigned Recall No. <u>03V-258</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: July 21, 2003 /Date Faxed: July 28, 2003

Manufacturer: Indian Motorcycle Corporation

Manufacturer Contact: Ms. Gabrielle Gallegos, General Counsel

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SUBJECT: 6,173 MY 2001-2003 Scout motorcycles manufactured from February 14, 2000 through July 10, 2003; 2002-2003 Spirit motorcycles manufactured from October 9, 2002 through July 10, 2003; and 2003 Chief Vintage motorcycles manufactured from January 15, through July 10, 2003. The bracket used to support the teardrop headlight can crack, causing the bracket to break and the light to slip out of position or fall off.

This is an <u>Initial</u> acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE03-024, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter and have no changes to suggest.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during August 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:

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